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LOK SABHA

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INVESTMENT IN IT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-powered Indian delegation visited Switzerland to attract investment in information technology sector; and

(b) if so, the details of the discussion held with the Swiss authorities and outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI PRAMO MAHAJAN)

(a) and (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.245 for 31.07.2002 regarding Investment in I.T. ..... (a) :Yes, Sir. A high level official and business delegation went to Switzerland in June 2002 in connection with organisation of `Destination India` event to create awareness about the good investment climate in the country and attracting foreign direct investment in various sectors of the economy including information technology sector. (b) : During the `Destination India` event in Zurich, the presentations were made highlighting IT opportunities that India has to offer in the fields of IT outsourcing, opening of offshore development centres and the skills of IT professionals. It was also mentioned that grant of the visa should be on a priority basis for the IT workforce.